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In re Application of:)
TETSUYOSHI ISHIWATA et al.) : Examiner: Joseph T. Woitach
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants respond to the Official Action dated February 25, 2003 (Paper No. 14) in the above-identified application, as follows.

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